(ii) Technologies related to Indian languages in Computer.

(iii) Electronics Switching for Telephone Exchange.

(iv) High Voltage Direct Current transmission.

(v) Linear accelerator for cancer radiation therapy (LINAC).

(vi) Computer Networking.

(vii) Strategic Electronics.

(viii) Electronic System for use in Railways, Sugar, Textile Industry etc.

Working Group for Electronic Industry

936. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Electronics constituted any Working Group for working out projections for achieving the production targets;

(b) whether the working group has submitted any report so far;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) what was the production target and what are the details of the projections to be achieved; and

(e) what is the present growth rate of electronic industry and what further growth rate is expected to be achieved by the Department and in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) to (e) The Planning Commission has constituted a Working Group on electronic industries to review status of electronics industries and project targets for the 9th Five Year Plan. Secretary, Department of Electronics was the Chairman of the Working Group.

The Working Group has submitted its report. The electonic industries has achieved a production of Rs. 28,350 crores during 1996-97. The Electronic Industry production has registered an annual cummulative growth of above 20% during the 8th Plan period and electronic exports have grown @ 41%. The Working Group has projected a production target of Rs. 138,350 crores for electronic industry for the year 2001-02, the terminal year of the 9th Plan representing a growth rate of about 37%. An electronic export target of Rs. 48,350 crores has been set for the terminal year of 9th Plan with a growth rate of about 52%.

Legislation on Haj Administration

937. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any religious leader has opposed the replacement of the Central Haj Committee Act;

(b) whether administrative changes in the Haj administration are opposed to religion;

(c) if not, the reasons why Government are slow in bringing about effective legislation for the Haj administration; and

(d) whether Government have studied the Haj management of other countries like Iran, Indonesia, Malaysia and Bangladesh; if so, what are its findings; if not, whether it would be examined?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) A new bill on the Haj administration to replace the existing Haj Committee Act will be introduced after all aspects have been examined.

(d) No Sir, Government will consider the suggestion.